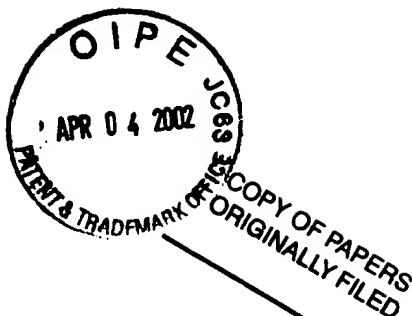


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For: Method For Treating Objects

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a new Power of Attorney by Applicants in the above-identified application, Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), and a copy of the Assignment of Invention. Please note the new correspondence address for the undersigned Attorney of Record.

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In re application of: Ralf ECKERT et al.

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For: METHOD FOR TREATING OBJECTS

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST (REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above-identified application, all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked (Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney) and the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith (New Power of Attorney).

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A Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) accompanies this Power of Attorney.

Date:

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Ralf ECKERT et al.

Docket: LNUP:106\_US\_

Application No./Patent No.: 09/933414

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Entitled: METHOD FOR TREATING OBJECTS

Leica Microsystems Nussloch GmbH, a German corporation,

(Name of Assignee)

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government agency, etc.)

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- ☒ United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/933,414 filed August 20, 2001
- ☐ United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ United States Patent No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ International (PCT) Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
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Title of the Invention: **METHOD FOR TREATING OBJECTS**

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Whereas, I, an above-identified Inventor, have invented certain new and useful improvements in the Invention identified above and described in the above-identified patent application(s) and/or patent(s) (hereinafter referred to as "Invention");

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And, whereas I desire to assign my above-identified rights, title and interest in the Invention to the above-identified Assignee;

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